

North Region News

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Partnerships Lead to Progress in Presque Isle County

Last fall, Presque Isle County received more than \$7 million from state and local officials for transportation projects. This money was put to good use by improving air, road, bus, and bike transportation. MDOT, along with the County Development Commission and the Board of Commissioners, held ribbon-cutting ceremonies to celebrate the completion of this extensive venture. The photos below represent the key multi-modal achievements that will work to enhance mobility and quality of life in the North Region.



Transit bus offered to Council on Aging



US-23 bridge over Trout River



Airport ribbon-cutting at Rogers City



Non-motorized trail ribbon-cutting

The Bus Goes On

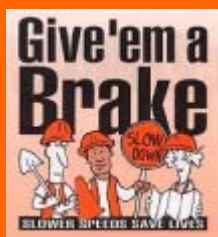
The Straits Area Regional Ride bus system has been running smoothly with state and regional funding in Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Emmet, and Otsego counties for the past three years. Although previously on the verge of terminating service, the bus system now will be continuing for a fourth year, supported in large part by local funding. Four routes are covered in these four counties, and in the summer more buses are required to accommodate the increased ridership. This bus is a crucial part of the business of these four counties. In Otsego County alone there are approximately 124,000 passengers per year.

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Welcome to the premier issue of the North Region's biannual publication. It is designed to serve as a link between MDOT and its stakeholders.

If you are planning any Michigan road trips before the snow falls, plan your routes in advance and avoid construction delays with MDOT's *Paving the Way* construction guide. You can get a copy at your local Transportation Service Center, Region Office, or Welcome Center or, by calling the MDOT Office of Communications at 517-373-2160. You also can access this guide on the Web: www.michigan.gov/mdot

The North Region serves 24 counties in northern Michigan. These include: Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Iosco, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Missaukee, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon, and Wexford. Major state trunklines in the North Region include: I-75, US-10, US-23, M-27, US-31, US-131, M-32, M-33, and M-65.



Flying High

A new terminal at the Traverse City Cherry Capital Airport will open this fall. Even more tremendous news is that the bids for building this terminal were opened on Sept. 7, 2001 (four days before 9/11). Taking a huge gamble, the airport director decided to award the bid and continue as if all national funding was secure. Luck was on his side. Fortunately, Congress had deemed this new terminal a priority, and made sure the airport obtained its funding. All in all, the new terminal turned out to be \$9 million under budget, allowing the airport to focus more on attracting additional airline services.

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Kudos to MDOT's North Region

North Region employees, who have been exhibiting some exceptional skills, received awards acknowledging their efforts earlier this year.

The Cadillac Transportation Service Center and Wade-Trim were jointly awarded the "Eminent Conceptor Award for Engineering" for the US-131 project. They earned the award as a result of demonstrating incredible efficiency and money-saving skills.



The Grayling Transportation Service Center was presented an Award of Excellence for a new, experimental concrete overlay being tested on I-75. The award recognizes the TSC staff's efforts to implement innovative solutions and deliver a better product. The collaboration with industry and universities in the development of this overlay was key to MDOT's success.



Congratulations, North Region!